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SUBJECT: KOREA

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1. SUMMARY:ROK AMBASSADOR HAS APPROACHED GOS TO DIS-  
COURAGE COSPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE RESOLUTION ON KOREA. IN  
AUGUST 19 PRESS CONFERENCE, DPRK AMBASSADOR IN DAKAR  
ASSERTED THAT WEDNESDAY DMZ INCIDENT WAS DUE TO US PROVO-  
CATION, AND CALLED ON US TO CEASE PROVOCATIVE MENEUVERS  
AND WITHDRAW WEAPONS AND TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG. POSSIBLY  
AS RESULT OF OUR ALERTING FONMINISTRY TO PLANNED PRESS  
CONFERENCE, GOS WARNED NORTH KOREANS BEFOREHAND  
THAT CONFERENCE MUST NOT EXCEED BOUNDS OF DIPLOMATIC  
PRACTICE AND FONMINISTRY REPORTEDLY PLANNED TO REVIEW TAPE  
RECORDING AFTERWARDS. DPRK INVECTIVE REPORTED IN PRESS  
WAS LESS VIRULENT THAN PAST PRESS CONFERENCES HERE.  
EDITORIAL COMMENT ON KILLINGS URGES THAT BOTH SIDES IN  
KOREA END "ACTS OF PROVOCATION AND DIALOUGUE OF THE DEAF."  
EMBASSY ON AUGUST 19 GAVE FONMINISTRY AND PRESS TEXTS OF  
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US STATEMENTS ON INCIDENT, AND MEDIA ARE REPORTING ON US

REACTIONS AND STATE OF ALERT. EMBASSY BELIEVES THIS MAY BE OPPORTUNE TIME FOR HIGH-LEVEL USG MESSAGE ON KOREA TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR. END SUMMARY.

2. ROK AMBASSADOR CHI (CHIEF CORE GROUP LOBBIER) MET WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY'S DIRECTOR OF POLITICAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS KANDE AUGUST 20 TO DISCOURAGE COSPONSORSHIP OF HOSTILE KOREAN RESOLUTION BY SENEGAL. PRIOR TO MEETING CHI INFORMED US HE PLANNED TO MAKE THESE POINTS: THAT NO PEACEFUL SOLUTION WAS PRACTICABLE WITHOUT INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT OF BOTH KOREAS AND THAT RESUMPTION OF TALKS BETWEEN DPRK AND ROK SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED. CHI EXPRESSED BELIEF THAT, FOR GOS TO SHIFT FROM PAST SPONSORSHIP OF DPRK RESOLUTION, IT WOULD HAVE TO BE ABLE TO JUSTIFY CHANGE BY POINTING TO NEW ELEMENT. HE SAW NOTHING NEW IN DPRK RESOLUTION, BUT HAD AT LEAST SLIM HOPE THAT ONCE THEY HAVE EXAMINED FRIENDLY RESOLUTION, SENEGALESE WOULD SEE IN IT NEW ELEMENTS WHICH WOULD PERMIT CHANGE. HE WAS NOT OPTIMISTIC, IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT SENGHOR'S LONGSTANDING COMMITMENTS TO KIM IL SUNG. CHI SAID HE PLANNED TO APPROACH SECRETARY GENERAL FRANCOIS BOB (WHO FILLS FUNCTIONS OF FOREIGN MINISTER IN LATTER'S ABSENCE) WITH TEXT OF FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. CHI EXPRESSED HOPE THAT US WOULD ALSO SEND MESSAGE TO SENGHOR.

3. DPRK AMBASSADOR HWANG TCHEUL SOU SCHEDULED PRESS CONFERENCE FOR AUGUST 19. IN VIEW OF PROFESSED GOS CONCERN OVER EXCESSES OF PAST DPRK PRESS CONFERENCES, CHARGE DREW DPRK PLANS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE TO ATTENTION OF FONMINISTRY. IN RESPONSE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT SEC-GEN BOB CALLED DPRK AMBASSADOR PRIOR TO CONFERENCE TO EXPRESS HOPE THAT HE WOULD NOT DEPART FROM CUSTOMARY DIPLOMATIC PRACTICE IN HIS REMARKS. ROK AMBASSADOR ALSO WAS INFORMED BY MEDIA CONTACT THAT FONMINISTRY PLANNED TO REVIEW TAPE OF CONFERENCE BEFORE AUTHORIZING COVERAGE BY GOVT-OWNED MEDIA. ACCORDING TO ACCOUNTS OF CONFERENCE IN AUGUST 20 PRESS, HWANG ASSERTED THAT THIS WEEK'S INCIDENT WAS DUE TO AMERICAN PROVOCATION IN SECURITY ZONE WHERE AUTOMATIC WEAPONS FORBIDDEN. HWANG REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT "WAR CAN BREAK OUT AT ANY MOMENT" ALONG KOREAN FRONTIER AND THAT 400,000 SOLDIERS OF "TROOPS  
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OF AGGRESSION" WERE CONCENTRATED IN MILITARY DEMARCATION ZONE. HWANG SAID CURRENT DANGER IS DUE TO THREAT OF INVASION FROM SOUTH AND ARGUED THAT TO ELIMINATE CHANCE OF NEW WAR AND ACCELERATE REUNIFICATION, US MUST CEASE PROVOCATIVE MANEUVERS AND WITHDRAW ITS MASSIVE WEAPONS OF EXTERMINATION AND ALL ITS TROOPS STATIONED IN ROK UNDER UN FLAG AND CONFORM TO RESOLUTION (SIC) OF 30TH UNGA. HE ASSURED JOURNALISTS THAT DPRK DOES NOT WANT WAR, BUT

DID NOT FEAR IT AS IT WAS READY FOR COMBAT. HWANG SAID DPRK CONVINCED THAT GOVTS AND EPPLES OF ALL PEACE-LOVING COUTIRIES ACTIVELY SUPPORTED ITS POSITION. PRESS ACCOUNT SUGGESTS THATEITHER DPRK PERFORMANCE WAS LESS VIRULENT THAN ON PAST OCCASIONS, OR THAT HARSHER INVECTIVE WAS EDITED OUT BY GOS PRIOR TO PUBLISHING STORY.

4. EMBASSY ON AUGUST 19 DELIEVERED TO FONMINISTRY AND PRESS TEXTS OF PRESIDENT'S, SECRETARY'S, AND DEPT SPOKESMAN'S STATEMENTS ON KILLINGS. IN AUGUST 20 COMMENT, LE SOLEIL ANALYST MOKTAR KEBE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT INCIDENT RISKED UNDERMINING EFFORTS OF INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND SECURITY IN THAT ZONE. "IF, AS NEWS DISPATCHES REPORT, THE AMERICAN COMMAND IN SEOUL HAS DECIDED TO PUT ON A STATE OF ALERT ITS 42,000 TROOPS, ONE IS NOT FAR FROM A SECOND KOREAN WAR WHICH WOULD BE EVEN MORE MURDEROUS SINCE IT HAS BEEN INFINITELY BETTER PREPARED." WRITER SAID, "HOWEVER, PEACE COULD STILL BE SAVED IF BOTH SIDES DECIDED TO END ACTS OF PROVOCATION AND A DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF WHICH HAS LASTED NEARLY 25 YEARS. IT IS TIME TO TURN TOWARD A TRUE CONCERTATION IN THE DIRECTION DEFINED BY THE RESOLUTION (SIC) OF THE 30TH SESSION OF THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. REUNIFICATION OF KOREA COULD THUS BE REALIZED IN THE ABSENCE OF EXTERNAL INTER-FERENCE.".

5. SENEGALESE PRESS AND RADIO ARE CARRYING AFP REPORTS EMPHASIZING STATE OF ALERT OF US FORCES AND SIMILAR PREPARATIONS BY DPRK, QUOTING SECRETARY KISSINGER'S STATEMENT ON INCIDENT, AND CITING NEW YORK ITMES SPECULATION THAT ATRICITY DESIGNED TO PROCOKE US REPRISALS WHICH WOULD THEN WIN SYMPATHY FOR DPRK AMONG NAM SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS.  
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6. COMMENT. AMBASSADOR CHI AND OTHER MEMEBERS OF CORE GROUP WITH RESIDENT MISSIONS IN DAKAR AGREE WITH OUR ESTIMATE THAT BEFORE ANY SUBSTANTIAL CHANGE CAN BE EFFECTED IN GOS POSITION ON KOREAN QUESTION PRESIDENT SENGHOR PERSONALLY MUST BE PERSUADED THAT SENEGALESE ATTITUDE IS TILTED TOO MUCH TOWARD DPRK AND SHOULD BE MADE MORE EVEHANDED. EMBASSY BELIEVES TABLING OF NEW FRIENDLY AND HOSTILE RESOLUTIONS COULD BE TIMELY OCCASION FOR MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY OR PRESIDENT TO PRESIDENT SENGHOR ON SUBJECT. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, PRESIDENT SENGHOR WILL REMAIN IN FRANCE ON VACATION UNTIL MID-SEPTEMBER. BELIEVE MESSAGE SHOULD BE DELIEVERED BY EMBASSY THROUGH PRESIDENT'S CABINET DIRECTOR HERE OR THROUGHT AMBASSADOR COULBARY.

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